

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD 5 MARCH 2019 – UPDATE ON RECENT WORK OF HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Following the recent announcement that the bid for capital funding for the redevelopment of the St George's Hospital site in Hornchurch had failed, the Health OSSC met with senior health officers including the Accountable Officer for BHR Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Chair of the Delivery Board for the St George's Hospital project. Officers were frustrated at the lack of capital funding awarded and we discussed possible alternative strategies for moving the project forward.

The performance information presented to the OSSC highlighted a number of instances where out of borough hospitals had posted discharge delays against either Havering health or social care and we have asked for more details of this.

We were also pleased to continue the Sub-Committee's positive working relationship with Healthwatch Havering and scrutinised three recent reports by the organisation covering in-patient meals, maternity and Accident & Emergency services at Queen's Hospital.

The Joint Committee for Outer North East London has expressed significant reservations about the recent move of chemotherapy services from King George to Queen's Hospital and the way in which this was done. Particular concern has been expressed about the ability of facilities at Queen's Hospital to cope with the rising demand for chemotherapy services in the coming years.

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